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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE AND DISCIPLINE

No. C96-015A

In the matter of: M. Julie Armada, M.D.

## CONSENT ORDER

Pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 5-37-5.2, 1956, as amended, (1995 Reenactment) a complaint was filed with the Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline (hereinafter referred to as "Board") charging M. Julie Armada, M.D., Respondent, with violations of § 5-37-5.1. An investigation was conducted by Investigating Committee II, so called, of the Board.

The following constitutes the Investigating

Committee's Findings of Fact with respect to the professional

performance of the Respondent:

## Findings of Fact

1. The Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline finds the Respondent guilty of unprofessional conduct for departure from, and the failure to conform to the minimal standards of acceptable and prevailing medical practice in violation of Rhode Island General Laws §5-37-5.1(19) due to her failure to diagnose multiple rib fractures on an x-ray when they were visible.

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## The parties agree as follows:

- (1) The Respondent is a physician licensed and doing business under and by virtue of the Laws of the State of Rhode Island, allopathic license number, M.D.07136.
- (2) Respondent admits to the jurisdiction of the Board and hereby agrees to remain under the jurisdiction of the Board.
  - (3) Respondent has read this Consent Order and understands that it is a proposal of Investigating Committee. II of the Board and is subject to the final approval of the Board. This Consent Order is not binding on respondent until final ratification by the Board.
    - (4) Respondent hereby acknowledges and waives:
      - a. The right to appear personally or by counsel or both before the Board;
      - b. The right to produce witnesses and evidence in his behalf at a hearing;
      - c. The right to cross examine witnesses;
      - d. The right to have subpoenas issued by the Board;
      - e. The right to further procedural steps except for specifically contained herein;
      - f. Any and all rights of appeal of this Consent Order;
      - g. Any objection to the fact that this

        Consent Order will be presented to the

        Board for consideration and review;

- h. Any objection to the fact that it will be necessary for the Board to become acquainted with all evidence pertaining to this matter in order to review adequately this Consent Order;
- i. Any objection to the fact that potential bias against the Respondent may occur as a result of the presentation of this Consent Order.
- (5) If the Consent Order is not accepted by the Respondent, the Investigative Committee will recommend to the Board that an Administrative Hearing be scheduled with respect to any and all acts of alleged unprofessional conduct. If the Board approves, a Hearing Committee will be convened for the purpose of conducting the Administrative Hearing.
- (6) Acceptance of this Consent Order constitutes an acknowledgement by the Respondent of the Investigative Findings set forth herein.
- (7) This Consent Order shall become part of the public record of this proceeding once it is accepted by all parties and by the Board.
- (8) Failure to comply with this Consent Order, when signed and accepted, shall subject the Respondent to further disciplinary action.
- (9) Respondent accepts the Board's finding of unprofessional conduct and the sanction of a Reprimand.

- (10) Respondent will obtain ten Category 1 Continuing Medical Education credits. This requirement will be in addition to the tri-annual CME requirements, coursework must be pre-approved by the Board in writing. educational recommendations for the Respondent must be metwithin twelve months of the signing of this consent order.
- (11) There shall be an administrative fee of \$250.00 due within 90 days of the acceptance of this agreement. Signed this

M. Julie Armada, M.D.

Ratified by the Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline at a meeting held on December 9,

Patricia Nolan, MD,

Chairperson

Board of Medical Licensure and

Discipline